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- a. a metal extrusion having a predetermined, evenly extending profile establishing an elevational configuration of the shoe;
  - b. the profile configuring an upper region of the shoe to interconnect with a counterbalance;
  - c. the profile configuring a lower region of the shoe as a platform to support a sash; and
  - d. the shoe having a width established by a predetermined length of the extrusion.

39. (TWICE AMENDED) A sash support system comprising:

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- a. a plurality of sash support elements each formed of a metal extrusion having [a] an evenly extending profile establishing an elevational configuration of the element;
  - b. a profile of a first one of the extruded elements forming a shoe having an upper region engaging a counterbalance and a lower region supporting a sash; and
  - c. a profile of a second one of the extruded elements forming a sash support arm connected to a stile of the sash to engage the sash support region of the shoe.

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52. (TWICE AMENDED) The system of claim 51 wherein the plurality of extrusions for the sash support arm are formed with evenly extending code lines indicating different arm lengths.

### REMARKS

The office action suggested that if applicants intended for the claimed terminology "extrusion having a predetermined profile" and the like to mean "formed from an evenly extending profile," then the "evenly extending" portion of the language should be added to the claims. This has been done by the enclosed amendments.

This change does not raise any new issues, since the "evenly extending" nature of the claimed extrusion profile is thoroughly understood by workers involved in extrusion technology. The "evenly extending" terminology adds redundancy to the well-understood meaning of extrusion profile that was already in the claims. With